

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 3rd March 2019

Silent Key

IRTS extends its deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Michael F. Hayes EI2EO, Curry, Cummer, Tuam, Co, Galway, who passed on the 18th of February.

Mike was a radio officer on-board ship in his early life before settling near Tuam. Mike told many tales of his life at sea, including his experiences during the sinking of the “Irish Spruce” off Jamaica.

He was a keen QRP CW operator, worked many countries around the world and was a member of the Mayo Radio Experimenters club. Mike joined the club out on many activations and field days. As part of the clubs team of newsreaders he read the IRTS news on many occasion from his own QTH.

Sincere sympathies to all of his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

Incorrect Phone Number - Assessment for CW

Important notice: An incorrect phone number for Dave EI4BZ was supplied in previous weeks news. If any listeners have been attempting to make contact with him, please use the current phone number listed here.

Dave will be conducting CW assessment in Limerick on March 10th and also at the IRTS AGM in Athlone on April 14th. Booking for these tests is essential and intending candidates should contact Dave EI4BZ on 087-6290574 or by email “davebeag /at/ gmail /dot/ com”.

Full details of the Morse test are available on the IRTS web site under licensing at www.irts.ie

IECRO Ireland Radio Club

A number of events will be taking place within the club over the coming weeks. New members will receive basic training during the clubs weekend long meeting of 9th and 10th March. Anyone who wishes to attend any of the weekend sessions, can book a place by emailing “ireland /at/ iecro /dot/ com”

From the 11th - 15th March, some members will be attending a seminar hosted by IECRO UK. During the event, they will be active under the callsigns MW0IPN and MX0IPN.

The dates of the clubs April meeting are still to be confirmed. All current members are very welcome to attend.

Limerick Radio Club

A reminder that Limerick Radio Club members are preparing for the LRC Rally on the 10th March in the Radisson Hotel, Ennis Road, Limerick .

Please contact Michael Kingston EI2IX “michaelkingston /at/ eircom /dot/ net” or Dermot Gleeson EI2GT “ei2gt /at/ eircom /dot/ net” 0872352028 for tables.

A list of for sale items can be sent to Michael for inclusion on the LRC Web Site.

Please note that the weekly IRTS News continues to be read on the LRC 70cms repeater at 8:00 PM on Monday evenings.

DX News

Three stations have been quite active from Vietnam recently. DL3YM is signing XV9YM from Ho Chi Minh City until 18th March. He can be found on 40 - 10m CW. Then there is 3W9JF operated by F6CTF until 6th March from Phu Quoc Island (IOTA AS-128). Finally DL5MAE is on the air as 3W2MAE in his spare time on all bands 80 - 6m. He will be there until 8th March.

Don G3XTT, well known as editor of Practical Wireless, will be in Gambia from 5th - 12th March. He will use the callsign C56DF on 40 - 10m CW.

N4SIA and KP2L will be active from Guantanamo Bay as KG4AS and KG4SC from 6th - 13th March. They will operate from the club station on CW, SSB and FT8.

A team of mainly Norwegian operators will visit Lesotho from 8th - 16th March. Their callsign will be 7P8LB and operation will be on all bands CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via M0OXO OQRS.

An Israeli DXpedition to Ghana will take place from 9th - 20th March. Callsign will be 9G2DX and activity will be on CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via M0OXO OQRS.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Mark EI6HPB on 086 355 2370.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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